Electrification of Jaipur-Ahmedabad and Ahmedabad-Gandhidham lines

720. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi to Jaipur rail line is electrified and the Jaipur-Ahmedabad and Ahmedabad-Gandhidham rail lines have not been electrified, if so, the reasons thereof; and

(b) by when these rail lines are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. Delhi-Jaipur rail line is not electrified. There is also at present no proposal to electrify Jaipur-Ahmedabad or Ahmedabad-Gandhidham sections due to constraint of resources and relative priorities for electrification of other high density routes.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Irregularities in allotment of STD booths at Railway Stations

721. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities in allotment of STD booths at railway stations have been reported;

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter; and

(c) the action proposed to ensure that telephone booths at railway stations are allotted to unemployed youths and other eligible categories only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Encroachment of land near rail lines

722. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people are illegally encroaching upon the unoccupied land near rail lines;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.